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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING GRANT AWARD AND FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIRST – PROPOSITION 10 COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE LOS ANGELES MOMMY AND BABY PROJECT THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and implement forthcoming awards and/or amendments from the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission, to support the continuation of the Los Angeles Mommy and Baby Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming Grant Award (GA) from the Los Angeles County Children and Families First – Proposition 10 Commission (First 5 LA) for the term of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, at an estimated amount of \$255,269, to support the DPH Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Program’s (MCAH) Los Angeles Mommy and Baby (LAMB) project, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future GAs and/or amendments from First 5 LA that are consistent with the requirements of the GA referenced above that extend the term through June 30, 2017, at amounts to be determined by First 5 LA, estimated not to exceed \$275,000 per fiscal year (FY); reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the GA’s terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; adjust the term of the GA through December 31, 2017;

and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each term's annual base amount, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to: accept funds from First 5 LA to continue to survey mothers within Los Angeles County; monitor maternal health experiences that occur before, during, and after pregnancy; analyze survey data; and disseminate the results. The ongoing need for this project is based upon: 1) a lack of sufficient information about the perinatal (preconception, prenatal, and postpartum) population; 2) a need to identify and evaluate problems for purposes of program planning and service development; and 3) a need for community involvement in identifying areas for public health intervention and development of resources for improved services. Information garnered will enable MCAH and other programs within DPH to tailor programs and interventions to the specific health risks of mothers and infants.

Approval of Recommendation 2 will allow DPH to accept future GAs and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the forthcoming award to extend and/or adjust the term of the award; reflect non-material revisions to terms and conditions; rollover unspent funds and/or redirect funds; and/or provide an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each term's annual base amount. This recommended action will enable DPH to accept GAs and/or amendments that adjust the project period up to six months beyond the original term, in those instances where there has been an unanticipated extension of the term to allow additional time to complete services and utilize grant funding. This authority is being requested to enhance DPH's efforts to expeditiously maximize grant revenue, consistent with Board Policy 4.070: Full Utilization of Grant Funds.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept forthcoming GAs from First 5 LA for annual terms beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2017, at amounts to be determined by First 5 LA, estimated not to exceed \$275,000 per FY. Funds will be used to continue to support MCAH's personnel, temporary personnel, and operating costs associated with the LAMB project.

Funding is available in DPH's FY 2012-13 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The infant death rate in Los Angeles County increased from 4.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 1999 to 5.5 in 2002, an increase of 12 percent. Although Service Planning Area (SPA) 1 represented six percent of the infant deaths reported in 2002, its infant death rate surpassed other SPAs, reflecting an increase of 112 percent between 1999 and 2002, while the rate for the rest of Los Angeles County remained relatively stable.

In October 2004, the LAMB project was implemented in the Antelope Valley to survey mothers to

identify factors associated with low birth weight and preterm birth, adverse birth outcomes that are associated with infant mortality.

In 2005, the project was expanded to include survey data collection every other year throughout Los Angeles County. Statistical analysis of the survey data has and continues to inform the decision-making of Los Angeles County health officials and community partners to improve efforts to address poor birth outcomes.

On February 17, 2009, your Board authorized DPH to accept First 5 LA grant funds through June 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$999,968 to support the LAMB project. To date, DPH has accepted funds totaling \$915,688. In March 2012, First 5 LA approved a forthcoming award to DPH in the amount of \$255,269 for FY 2012-13 for continued support of the LAMB project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept funds from First 5 LA to continue efforts to improve birth outcomes throughout Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,



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